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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mr. Robert J. McCloskey
Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations
Department of State
2201 C Street, N.W.
Room 7261
Washington, D.C. 20451

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)
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Dear Mr. McCloskey:

Enclosed is a letter I received from a constituent of mine, Mr. Edmond Glavin of [] in which he expresses his concern about the treatment being given to his cousin, Father Patrick Rice, an Irish-National who is imprisoned in Argentina.

Any information you can provide regarding this matter and upon which I can base a reply to Mr. Glavin would be greatly appreciated. I realize that our government may not be able to assist Mr. Glavin, but your comments would be appreciated.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I remain

Sincerely,

Robert C. McEwen

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CONGRESSMAN ROBERT C. McEwen
423 Cannon House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman McEwen,

About two weeks ago my
second cousin, a young (about 30 yrs.) catholic
priest from Ireland, ^{FATHER PAT RICE,} was kidnapped by four
armed men while saying mass for his
prisoners in VILLA SOLDATI A small
village on the outskirts of Buenos Aires
ARGENTINA. Nothing was heard of him until
about a week ago when under great pressure
from the Irish Government (AS he is AN IRISH NATION
AS far as I know), the Government of Argentina has
admitted it was their forces who took him.
Yesterday my brother Patrick Glavin
of Albany N.Y. heard from the Irish Consul in
N.Y.C. that he has been contacted by phone in
a central prison in Buenos Aires and that he is well

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As a U.S. citizen from your district I would
ask you to do whatever you can to ensure
safety and release so that he can pursue his
vocation to bring the good news of the Gospel
to all the poor in his field of endeavour.

His address is:

Rev. FATHER PATRICK RICE

C/O "LITTLE BROTHERS OF JESUS"

VILLA SOLDATI

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The National Catholic News Agency
of Washington D.C. may be able
to supply more up to date information.

Thank you for any thing you
can do.

Sincerely yours
Edmond J. Glavin